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SUBJECT:ESTABLISHMENT OF TECHNICAL SECURITY OFFICES IN
NORTH AFRICA

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM DASS DIKEOS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NEA
CONNOLLY

1. THERE IS A GROWING DEMAND FOR TECHNICAL SECURITY SERVICES
FROM POSTS ALONG THE NORTH COAST OF AFRICA. NORMALLY,
THESE SERVICES PROVIDED BY RTC BEIRUT. HOWEVER, DEMANDS OF
POSTS CLOSE TO BEIRUT, RECENT CIVIL DISRUPTIONS IN LEBANON
AND LACK OF DIRECT FLIGHT CONNECTIONS HAVE MADE IT DIFFICULT
FOR THAT OFFICE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SERVICES TO NORTH AFRICA.

2. WITH INCREASING DEMANDS FOR EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES TO
COMBAT TERRORISM, DEPARTMENT EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF
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ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL SECURITY OFFICE ALONG NORTH COAST

OF AFRICA, CLOSE TO POSTS THAT IT WOULD SERVICE. TUNIS IS CONSIDERED A MOST DESIRABLE LOCATION FOR SUCH AN OFFICE.

3. ENVISIONED IS AN OFFICE COMPOSED OF TWO TECHNICAL

SECURITY OFFICERS AND TWO U.S. NAVY SEABEES. THE FOLLOWING ARE CONSIDERED MINIMAL SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FOUR MAN OFFICE:

A. OFFICE SPACE: 2 OFFICES

B. ELECTRONIC LAB AND
STAGING AREA: 400 SQUARE FEET MINIMUM

C. PHOTO LAB: 100 SQUARE FEET MINIMUM

D. EQUIPMENT STORAGE AREA: 400 SQUARE FEET MINIMUM

E. SEABEE WORKSHOP 400 SQUARE FEET MINIMUM

BECAUSE OF THE CLASSIFIED CORRESPONDENCE AND TECHNICAL

SECURITY EQUIPMENT USED BY THE OFFICE, AREAS A, B, AND C WOULD REQUIRE SECURITY PROTECTION SIMILAR TO OTHER SENSITIVE AREAS OF EMBASSY. AREA D COULD BE ANY GOVERNMENT WAREHOUSE SPACE WHERE HIGH VALUE EQUIPMENT COULD SAFELY BE PROTECTED. AREA E SHOULD BE SUITABLE FOR UTILIZATION OF A FEW WOOD AND METAL WORKING MACHINES.

4. NEW TSO OFFICE COULD SHARE THE SERVICES OF RSO SECRETARY.

5. PERSONNEL WOULD CONDUCT FREQUENT AND EXTENSIVE TRAVEL FROM TUNIS TO OTHER NORTH COAST COUNTRIES AND POSSIBLY SOME SOUTHERN EUROPEAN POSTS. THEREFORE, ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR FREQUENT PERSONNEL TRAVEL, AND PROCESSING OF INCOMING AND OUTGOING POUCHES OF SECURITY EQUIPMENT WOULD BE REQUIRED.

6. WE APPRECIATE THAT SPACE NOT OVERLY ABUNDANT IN TUNIS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HOWEVER, TUNIS PRESENTS GOOD CENTRAL LOCATION AND WE BELIEVE POST WOULD FIND THAT TSO OFFICE COULD PROVIDE CONSIDERABLE RANGE OF SERVICES TO THE POST.

7. REQUEST THEREFORE THAT AMBASSADOR AND STAFF GIVE THIS PROPOSAL SERIOUS CONSIDERATION AND PROVIDE TELEGRAPHIC RESPONSE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. WOULD ALSO NEED TO KNOW AMOUNT OF FUNDS POST WOULD CONSIDER NECESSARY TO SUPPORT

THIS OPERATION IF PROPOSAL FOUND ACCEPTABLE. KISSINGER

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